

REMARKS


Claims 17-21 and 32-51 are pending in the application. The Office has entered an election requirement, stating that Claims 17, 32, 37, 49, and 50 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species, including five patentably distinct species of pre-filters, five patentably distinct species of filters, and three patentably distinct species of filter cleaner mechanisms. The Office has stated that Applicant must pick one species from the pre-filter group, the filter group and the filter cleaner mechanism group and that such will be considered a single [elected] species.

Accordingly, Applicant elects pre-filter species A, as represented by Figures 3, 12, 18 and 19, filter species F, as represented by Figure 20, and filter cleaner mechanism species K, as represented by Figures 12 through 15.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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